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# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

	Obj. Deadline: Mar. 20, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. ET
Debtors.	(Jointly Administered)
FTX TRADING LTD., et al., 1	Case No. 22-11068 (JTD)
In re:	Chapter 11

# NINETEENTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP AS TAX SERVICES PROVIDER TO THE DEBTORS AND DEBTORS-IN-POSSESSION FOR COMPENSATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 1, 2024 THROUGH AND INCLUDING JUNE 30, 2024

Name of Applicant	Ernst & Young LLP
Authorized to Provide Professional Services to:	the Debtors and Debtors-in-Possession
Date of Retention:	January 17, 2023 nunc pro tunc to November 28, 2022
Period for which compensation and reimbursement is sought:	June 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024
Amount of Compensation sought as actual, reasonable and necessary:	\$1,527,863.50
80% of Compensation sought as actual, reasonable and necessary:	\$1,222,290.80
Amount of Expense Reimbursement sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary:	\$78,418.30

This is $a(n) \times \underline{X}$ month	ly interim	_ final application.	No prior application	has been filed
with respect to this Fe	e Period.			

The last four digits of FTX Trading Ltd.'s and Alameda Research LLC's tax identification number are 3288 and 4063 respectively. Due to the large number of debtor entities in these Chapter 11 Cases, a complete list of the Debtors and the last four digits of their federal tax identification numbers is not provided herein. A complete list of such information may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent at https://cases.ra.kroll.com/FTX.

## PRIOR MONTHLY FEE STATEMENTS FILED

Dated Filed	Period Covered	Requested Fees	Requested Expenses	Approved Fee	Approved Expenses
D.I. 847 filed on March 10, 2023	November 28, 2023 through December 31, 2023	\$1,264,113.80	\$12,330.63		
D.I. 1500 filed on May 16, 2023	January 1, 2023 through January 31, 2023	\$1,130,705.00	\$32,893.58	\$2,086,386.45	\$43,916.74
D.I. 1627 filed on June 13, 2023	February 1, 2023 through February 28, 2023	\$1,215,238.75	\$10,381.09	Pending	Pending
D.I. 1932 filed on July 27, 2023	March 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023	\$1,596,707.00	\$26,108.75	Pending	Pending
D.I. 2985 filed on October 3, 2023	April 1, 2023 through April 30, 2023	\$1,372,281.75	\$7,276.19	Pending	Pending
D.I. 3377 filed on October 25, 2023	May 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023	\$1,327,255.00	\$17,767.20	Pending	Pending
D.I. 5317 filed on January 3, 2024	June 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023	\$1,428,255.75	\$4,846.35	Pending	Pending
D.I. 12924 filed on April 26, 2024	July 1, 2023 through July 31, 2023	\$1,437,560.80	\$11,469.23	Pending	Pending
D.I. 12925 filed on April 26, 2024	August 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023	\$1,899,489.25	\$21,319.67	Pending	Pending
D.I. 12926 filed on April 26, 2024	September 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023	\$1,356,469.80	\$9,754.18	Pending	Pending

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D.I. 15991 filed on May 28, 2024	October 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023	\$1,518,739.15	\$22,627.72	Pending	Pending
D.I. 15992 filed on May 28, 2024	November 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023	\$1,246,282.20	\$54,286.25	Pending	Pending
D.I. 15993 filed on May 28, 2024	December 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023	\$1,125,361.50	\$40,092.30	Pending	Pending
D.I. 16530 filed on June 3, 2024	January 1, 2024 through January 31, 2024	\$1,479,449.30	\$141,396.07	Pending	Pending
D.I. 16545 filed on June 3, 2024	February 1, 2024 through February 29, 2024	\$1,444,701.70	\$96,102.20	Pending	Pending
D.I. 16548 filed on June 3, 2024	March 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024	\$966,665.10	\$34,889.16	Pending	Pending
D.I. 24500 filed on September 10, 2024	April 1, 2024 through April 30, 2024	\$1,326,416.00	\$69,783.85	Pending	Pending
D.I. 27391 filed on October 30, 2024	May 1, 2024 through May 31, 2024	\$1,542,852.80	\$88,956.07	Pending	Pending

# SUMMARY OF BILLING BY PROFESSIONAL JUNE 1, 2024 THROUGH AND INCLUDING JUNE 30, 2024

Name	Туре	Rank	Hours	Hourly Rate	Total Individual Fees
Lowery,Kristie L	Billable	National Partner/Principal	29.80	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 30,992.00
McComber,Donna	Billable	National Partner/Principal	6.90	1,040.00	7,176.00
Simpson,Kirsten	Billable	National Partner/Principal	0.60	1,040.00	624.00
Bailey,Doug	Billable	Partner/Principal	87.50	866.00	75,775.00
Bastienne,Oliver	Billable	Partner/Principal	6.10	866.00	5,282.60
Buduguntae,Shashanka	Billable	Partner/Principal	5.00	866.00	4,330.00
Cho,Shuck	Billable	Partner/Principal	1.50	866.00	1,299.00
Ferris,Tara	Billable	Partner/Principal	19.70	866.00	17,060.20
GV,Krishna	Billable	Partner/Principal	0.80	866.00	692.80
Leston,Juan	Billable	Partner/Principal	6.50	866.00	5,629.00
Liasis,George	Billable	Partner/Principal	2.70	866.00	2,338.20
Liassides,Petros	Billable	Partner/Principal	4.10	866.00	3,550.60
Lovelace,Lauren	Billable	Partner/Principal	33.90	866.00	29,357.40
Nasir,Tariq	Billable	Partner/Principal	0.50	866.00	433.00
Osmers,Maren	Billable	Partner/Principal	0.80	866.00	692.80
Rumford,Neil	Billable	Partner/Principal	1.50	866.00	1,299.00
Shea JR,Thomas M	Billable	Partner/Principal	35.20	866.00	30,483.20
Socratous, Christoforos	Billable	Partner/Principal	0.60	866.00	519.60
Suto,Ichiro	Billable	Partner/Principal	0.50	866.00	433.00
Violaris,Stavros	Billable	Partner/Principal	1.00	866.00	866.00
Walker,Rachael Leigh Braswell	Billable	Partner/Principal	0.60	866.00	519.60
Wielobob,Kirsten	Billable	Partner/Principal	3.00	866.00	2,598.00
Acharya, Prashant	Billable	Managing Director	0.80	814.00	651.20
Borts, Michael	Billable	Managing Director	1.80	814.00	1,465.20
Bost,Anne	Billable	Managing Director	57.50	814.00	46,805.00
DeVincenzo,Jennie	Billable	Managing Director	10.70	814.00	8,709.80
Dubroff,Andy	Billable	Managing Director	13.10	814.00	10,663.40
Koch,Markus	Billable	Managing Director	3.10	814.00	2,523.40
Massengill,Clint	Billable	Managing Director	16.10	814.00	13,105.40
Momah,Sandra	Billable	Managing Director	0.30	814.00	244.20
Poloner,Seth	Billable	Managing Director	17.70	814.00	14,407.80
Sargent, Amy Johannah	Billable	Managing Director	2.10	814.00	1,709.40
Thomas,Ian	Billable	Managing Director	0.10	814.00	81.40
Watkins, Michael	Billable	Managing Director	1.90	814.00	1,546.60
Andriani,Margherita	Billable	Senior Manager	5.50	683.00	3,756.50
Babikian,Mher	Billable	Senior Manager	1.70	683.00	1,161.10
Berman, Jake	Billable	Senior Manager	56.10	683.00	38,316.30
Collado,Adriana	Billable	Senior Manager	1.50	683.00	1,024.50
Culmer-Curry,Erica	Billable	Senior Manager	10.30	683.00	7,034.90
Devona Bahadur, Michele	Billable	Senior Manager	3.40	683.00	2,322.20

Name	Туре	Rank	Hours	Hourly Rate	Total Individual Fees
Engelbrecht, Kevin	Billable	Senior Manager	3.10	683.00	2,117.30
Espley-Ault,Olivia	Billable	Senior Manager	10.20	683.00	6,966.60
Faerber,Anna	Billable	Senior Manager	4.60	683.00	3,141.80
Gil Diez de Leon,Marta	Billable	Senior Manager	0.20	683.00	136.60
Goto,Keisuke	Billable	Senior Manager	6.00	683.00	4,098.00
Haas,Zach	Billable	Senior Manager	0.20	683.00	136.60
Hernandez, Nancy I.	Billable	Senior Manager	1.50	683.00	1,024.50
Jayanthi,Lakshmi	Billable	Senior Manager	28.10	683.00	19,192.30
Katsnelson,David	Billable	Senior Manager	28.80	683.00	19,670.40
Kyriakides,Stavros	Billable	Senior Manager	5.80	683.00	3,961.40
Lunia,Suraj	Billable	Senior Manager	1.50	683.00	1,024.50
Madrasi,Hussain	Billable	Senior Manager	9.60	683.00	6,556.80
Matsuo,Eiko	Billable	Senior Manager	1.00	683.00	683.00
McGee,Liz	Billable	Senior Manager	2.20	683.00	1,502.60
Musano, Matthew Albert	Billable	Senior Manager	7.90	683.00	5,395.70
Nayak,Manasa	Billable	Senior Manager	1.00	683.00	683.00
Nguyen,Huong	Billable	Senior Manager	0.50	683.00	341.50
Papachristodoulou, Elpida	Billable	Senior Manager	3.50	683.00	2,390.50
Pavlou,Pantelis	Billable	Senior Manager	3.50	683.00	2,390.50
Pfaff,Arthur	Billable	Senior Manager	2.70	683.00	1,844.10
Porto, Michael	Billable	Senior Manager	0.70	683.00	478.10
Schug, Elaine	Billable	Senior Manager	0.80	683.00	546.40
Schwarzwälder,Christian	Billable	Senior Manager	27.20	683.00	18,577.60
Suzuki,Jason	Billable	Senior Manager	69.00	683.00	47,127.00
Taniguchi,Keisuke	Billable	Senior Manager	1.10	683.00	751.30
Tong,Chia-Hui	Billable	Senior Manager	36.80	683.00	25,134.40
Wainwright,Luke	Billable	Senior Manager	2.00	683.00	1,366.00
Wrenn,Kaitlin Doyle	Billable	Senior Manager	35.90	683.00	24,519.70
Yang,Rachel Sim	Billable	Senior Manager	28.40	683.00	19,397.20
Argyrou,Christina	Billable	Manager	8.70	551.00	4,793.70
Billings,Phoebe	Billable	Manager	18.30	551.00	10,083.30
Bouza,Victor	Billable	Manager	11.30	551.00	6,226.30
Carreras,Stephen	Billable	Manager	2.00	551.00	1,102.00
Chang-Waye,Amanda	Billable	Manager	7.60	551.00	4,187.60
Cushner,Sam	Billable	Manager	53.00	551.00	29,203.00
Davis, Christine	Billable	Manager	27.50	551.00	15,152.50
Davis,Kathleen F.	Billable	Manager	0.50	551.00	275.50
Dugasse,Annie	Billable	Manager	3.10	551.00	1,708.10
Dulceak,Crystal	Billable	Manager	0.50	551.00	275.50
Gorman,Doug	Billable	Manager	24.00	551.00	13,224.00
Goyal,Rahul	Billable	Senior	1.00	415.00	415.00
Hammon, David Lane	Billable	Manager	92.20	551.00	50,802.20
Hayashi,Rina	Billable	Senior	9.70	415.00	4,025.50
Jung, Yu-Seon	Billable	Manager	4.20	551.00	2,314.20
Kalavanas, Demetris	Billable	Manager	0.30	551.00	165.30

Name	Туре	Rank	Hours	Hourly Rate	Total Individual Fees
Katelas, Andreas	Billable	Manager	4.00	551.00	2,204.00
Mallwitz,Katharina	Billable	Senior	11.00	415.00	4,565.00
Masaku,Taiwo	Billable	Manager	0.30	551.00	165.30
McPhee, Tiffany	Billable	Manager	8.60	551.00	4,738.60
Mistler,Brian M	Billable	Manager	61.70	551.00	33,996.70
Mizutani,Rie	Billable	Manager	66.40	551.00	36,586.40
Ossanlou,Nina Shehrezade	Billable	Manager	44.60	551.00	24,574.60
Oyetunde,Oyebode	Billable	Manager	21.80	551.00	12,011.80
Short, Victoria	Billable	Manager	16.80	551.00	9,256.80
Tsikkouris, Anastasios	Billable	Manager	8.10	551.00	4,463.10
Varma,Bharath	Billable	Manager	15.70	551.00	8,650.70
Wagner,Kaspar	Billable	Manager	14.10	551.00	7,769.10
Wilson,Kat	Billable	Manager	2.00	551.00	1,102.00
Zheng,Eva	Billable	Manager	3.40	551.00	1,873.40
Agarwal,Akhil	Billable	Senior	2.60	415.00	1,079.00
Ancona, Christopher	Billable	Senior	109.00	415.00	45,235.00
Asim,Malik Umer	Billable	Senior	7.00	415.00	2,905.00
Bote, Justin	Billable	Senior	11.30	415.00	4,689.50
Chachan, Aparajita	Billable	Senior	2.40	415.00	996.00
Di Stefano, Giulia	Billable	Senior	51.10	415.00	21,206.50
Dugasse, Tara	Billable	Senior	3.10	415.00	1,286.50
Gibson, Mitch	Billable	Senior	4.10	415.00	1,701.50
Hall,Emily Melissa	Billable	Senior	57.30	415.00	23,779.50
He,Ileana	Billable	Senior	29.20	415.00	12,118.00
Houareau, Tina	Billable	Senior	8.60	415.00	3,569.00
Huang,Ricki	Billable	Senior	5.40	415.00	2,241.00
Huang, Vanesa	Billable	Senior	8.10	415.00	3,361.50
Inker,Brian	Billable	Senior	49.70	415.00	20,625.50
Lammey, Caitlin	Billable	Senior	35.00	415.00	14,525.00
Liu,Ke	Billable	Senior	28.00	415.00	11,620.00
MacLean,Corrie	Billable	Senior	59.10	415.00	24,526.50
Marlow, Joe	Billable	Senior	0.20	415.00	83.00
Molnar, Evgeniya	Billable	Senior	14.00	415.00	5,810.00
Onwupelu,Shekinah	Billable	Senior	0.30	415.00	124.50
O'Reilly,Logan	Billable	Senior	24.60	415.00	10,209.00
Perez,Ellen Joy	Billable	Senior	9.50	415.00	3,942.50
Prabhu,Nilesh	Billable	Senior	1.00	415.00	415.00
S. Figueroa, Carolina	Billable	Senior	67.40	415.00	27,971.00
Sahota, Veer	Billable	Senior	0.40	415.00	166.00
Sakaguchi, Masato	Billable	Senior	156.10	415.00	64,781.50
Sangster, Mark	Billable	Senior	8.00	415.00	3,320.00
Silva Camargos,Lorraine	Billable		31.80	415.00	13,197.00
Skordi,Chara	Billable	Senior Senior	17.60	415.00	7,304.00
Sreenivas Katikireddi, Teja			+		
	Billable	Senior	53.00	415.00	21,995.00
Sun, Yuchen	Billable	Senior	1.00	415.00	415.00

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Name	Туре	Rank	Hours	Hourly Rate	Total Individual Fees
Vasic, Dajana	Billable	Staff	15.10	236.00	3,563.60
Yang,Ming	Billable	Senior	28.50	415.00	11,827.50
Yeom,Sunny	Billable	Senior	139.30	415.00	57,809.50
Yu,Fei	Billable	Senior	10.20	415.00	4,233.00
Zhu,Philip	Billable	Senior	20.30	415.00	8,424.50
Allen,Jenefier Michelle	Billable	Staff	1.30	236.00	306.80
Ashihara,Kae	Billable	Staff	165.10	236.00	38,963.60
Ballay,Niklas	Billable	Staff	13.60	236.00	3,209.60
Bhardwaj,Kunal	Billable	Staff	2.50	236.00	590.00
Booth,Katie	Billable	Staff	3.40	236.00	802.40
Braun,Avi	Billable	Staff	31.20	236.00	7,363.20
Bruno,Hannah	Billable	Staff	4.00	236.00	944.00
Charalambous, Chrysanthos	Billable	Staff	2.10	236.00	495.60
Chen,Zhu En	Billable	Staff	5.40	236.00	1,274.40
Chopra,Navya	Billable	Staff	0.30	236.00	70.80
Choudary,Hira	Billable	Staff	36.40	236.00	8,590.40
Eikenes,Ryan	Billable	Staff	2.50	236.00	590.00
Feliciano, Christopher	Billable	Staff	41.90	236.00	9,888.40
Frapolly,Brody	Billable	Staff	10.90	236.00	2,572.40
Geisler, Arthur	Billable	Staff	32.50	236.00	7,670.00
Ijuin,Ayane	Billable	Staff	5.00	236.00	1,180.00
Karan, Anna Suncheuri	Billable	Staff	31.40	236.00	7,410.40
Louie, Alexis P	Billable	Staff	5.60	236.00	1,321.60
Mensah,Josephine	Billable	Staff	116.00	236.00	27,376.00
Mok,Wan Ling	Billable	Staff	21.20	236.00	5,003.20
Neziroski,David	Billable	Associate	9.80	365.00	3,577.00
Nguyen,Thinh	Billable	Staff	21.70	236.00	5,121.20
Noda, Sachiho	Billable	Staff	7.10	236.00	1,675.60
Ortiz,Daniella	Billable	Staff	36.00	236.00	8,496.00
Pastrikou, Eleni	Billable	Staff	0.40	236.00	94.40
Ramakalawan, Rachel	Billable	Staff	3.10	236.00	731.60
Sarte, Angel Lyne	Billable	Staff	4.00	236.00	944.00
Zhuo,Melody	Billable	Staff	94.40	236.00	22,278.40
Scott,James	Billable	Client Serving Contractor JS	34.90	600.00	20,940.00
Bieganski, Walter	Billable	Client Serving Contractor WB	13.90	200.00	2,780.00
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		Totals	3,145.60		\$ 1,527,863.50

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Travel fees are billed out at 50% bill rate

Blended Hourly Rate: \$485.71

# STATEMENT OF FEES BY PROJECT CATEGORY JUNE 1, 2024 THROUGH AND INCLUDING JUNE 30, 2024

<b>Project Category</b>	<b>Project Category Description</b>	Hours	Fees
ACR Bookkeeping/ACR Statutory Reporting	This category includes time spent compile information provided by client, the annual balance sheet, and related statements of income, retained earnings, and cash flows in accordance with the International Standard on Related Services (ISRS) 4410 (Revised), Compilation Engagements, or local regulatory requirements, as appropriate. This is to assist client in presenting financial information in the form of	597.90	\$ 238,765.20
Fee/Employment Applications	financial statements  This category relates to the preparation of EY's employment application and planning and coordinating the professionals' time protocols, preparation of monthly fee statements, preparation of interim fee applications, invoices, and responding to inquiries	15.10	5,945.60
Information Reporting	Reporting of income paid to certain US-based investors, vendors, and independent contractors	38.50	32,140.10
IRS Audit Matters	Responding to the inquiries of the IRS related to current/prior tax years.	5.50	4,225.10
Non US Tax	Taxation of all non-US based or related activities and taxpayers	463.50	256,440.00
Payroll Tax	Taxation of Global and US-based payroll and employment tax requirements	142.60	94,868.20
Project Management Office Transition	Preparation for, attendance at and participation in periodic meetings, discussions and analyses regarding coordination of EY services and international teams in order to align on information, assumptions, and issues.	173.40	75,138.70
Tax Advisory	The projects covered by on-call tax advisory services include assistance with tax issues by answering one-off questions, drafting memos describing how specific tax rules work, assisting with general transactional issues, and assisting Client in connection with International Tax Services dealings with tax authorities (other than representing Client in an examination or an appeal before the IRS or other taxing authority).	12.20	10,034.50
Technology	Ingestion, transformation, and analysis of FTX data to be leveraged by the tax workstreams in order to facilitate the preparation and completion of deliverables.	217.00	93,506.60
Transfer Pricing	Determine arm's length pricing in related-party transactions	350.40	180,852.00
US Income Tax	Taxation of all US-based or related activities and taxpayers	297.60	162,101.50

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Project Category	Project Category Description	Hours	Fees
US International Tax	Taxation of all non-US based or related activities as it impacts on US based taxpayers	710.00	323,182.10
US State and Local Tax	Taxation of all US-based or related activities and taxpayers as assessed by each state and local jurisdiction	109.90	44,126.20
Value Added Tax	Taxation of non-US based indirect based or related activities and taxpayers	12.00	6,537.70
Total		3,145.60	\$ 1,527,863.50

## SUMMARY OF ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES

<b>Expense Category</b>	Expense Amount
Ground Transportation	\$ 684.14
Airfare	828.01
Lodging	1,050.00
IT Data	63,455.00
Technology Support	12,000.00
VAT	401.15
Total	\$ 78,418.30

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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Ernst & Young LLP ("<u>EY LLP</u>"), Tax Services Provider to FTX Trading Ltd. and its affiliated debtors and debtors-in-possession in the above-captioned cases (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>"), hereby submits this nineteenth monthly fee statement (this "<u>Monthly Fee</u> <u>Statement</u>") for compensation for professional services rendered and expenses incurred for the period from June 1, 2024 through and including June 30, 2024 (the "<u>Fee Period</u>"). In support of the Monthly Fee Statement, EY LLP respectfully states as follows:

#### **Background**

1. On November 11 and November 14, 2022,<sup>3</sup> the Debtors filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court") voluntary petitions for relief under title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101 *et seq*. (as amended or modified, the "Bankruptcy Code"). From November 11, 2022 through January 3, 2025, the Debtors operated their businesses and managed their properties as debtors-in-possession pursuant to

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November 11, 2022 is the petition date for all Debtors, except for Debtor West Realm Shires Inc.

sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. Joint administration of the Debtors' cases (the "Chapter 11 Cases") was authorized by the Court by entry of an order on November 22, 2022 [D.I. 128]. On December 15, 2022, the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware (the "U.S. Trustee") appointed an Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") pursuant to section 1102 of the Bankruptcy Code [D.I. 231].

- 2. On January 17, 2023, the Court entered the *Order Authorizing the*Retention and Employment of EY LLP as Tax Services Provider Nunc Pro Tunc to November 28,
  2022 [D.I. 505] authorizing the retention and employment of EY LLP as the Debtors' Tax

  Services Provider, nunc pro tunc to November 28, 2022.
- 3. On January 9, 2023, the Court entered the *Order Establishing Procedures* for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals [D.I. 435] (the "Interim Compensation Order").
- 4. On March 8, 2023, the Court entered the *Order (I) Appointing Fee Examiner and (II) Establishing Procedures for Consideration of Requested Fee Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses* [D.I. 834] appointing Katherine Stadler (the "Fee Examiner") to serve as the fee examiner in these Chapter 11 Cases and establishing certain procedures in connection therewith.
- 5. On October 8, 2024, the Court entered the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order Confirming the Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization of FTX Trading Ltd. and its Debtor Affiliates [D.I. 26404] (the "Confirmation Order") confirming the Second Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization of FTX Trading Ltd. and its Debtor Affiliates (the "Plan")
  - 6. On January 3, 2025, the Plan went effective. See [D.I. 29197].

#### **Relief Requested**

7. By this Monthly Fee Statement and in accordance with the Interim

Compensation Order, EY LLP makes this application for (i) allowance of compensation as an administrative expense of the Debtors' estates in the amount of \$1,527,863.50 for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered, (ii) payment of compensation in the amount of 80% thereof (in the amount of \$1,222,290.80) and (iii) payment of \$78,418.30 for actual and necessary expenses incurred.

## a. Compensation Requested

- 8. The services performed by EY LLP during the Fee Period included tax services. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a detailed itemization, by project category, of all services performed by EY LLP with respect to the Chapter 11 Cases during the Fee Period. This detailed itemization complies with Local Rule 2016-1 in that each time entry contains a separate time allotment, a description of the type of activity and the subject matter of the activity, all time is billed in increments of one-tenth (1/10) of an hour, time entries are presented chronologically in categories, and all meetings or hearings are individually identified.
- 9. The timekeepers who rendered services related to each category are identified in Exhibit A, along with the number of hours for each individual and the total compensation sought by each category. All services for which EY LLP requests compensation were performed for, or on behalf of, the Debtors.

#### b. Expense Reimbursement

10. EY LLP incurred out-of-pocket expenses during the Fee Period in the amount of \$78,418.30. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a description of the expenses actually incurred by EY LLP in the performance of services rendered as Tax Services Provider to the Debtors. The expenses are broken down into categories of charges, which may include, among other things, the following charges: airfare, lodging, ground transportation, working meals, and other expenses. Value Added Tax ("VAT") is a consumption tax in which certain foreign firms

are required by local tax authority regulations to charge for services performed during this engagement.

11. In accordance with section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, EY LLP seeks reimbursement only for the actual cost of such expenses to EY LLP. EY LLP submits that all such expenses incurred were customary, necessary and related to the Chapter 11 Cases and, by this Monthly Fee Statement, requests reimbursement of the same.

### **Valuation of Services**

- 12. Professionals of EY LLP have expended a total of 3,145.60 hours in connection with this matter during the Fee Period.
- 13. The amount of time spent by each of the professionals' providing services to the Debtors for the Fee Period is set forth in Exhibit A. The rates are EY LLP's normal hourly rates of compensation for work of this character. The reasonable value of the services rendered by EY LLP for the Fee Period as Tax Services Provider for the Debtors in the Chapter 11 Cases is \$1,527,863.50.
- 14. EY LLP believes that the time entries included in <u>Exhibit A</u> attached hereto and the expense breakdown set forth in <u>Exhibit B</u> attached hereto are in compliance with the requirements of Local Rule 2016-1.
- 15. In accordance with the factors enumerated in section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, the amount requested is fair and reasonable given the complexities of these Chapter 11 Cases, the time expended, the nature and extent of the services rendered, the value of such services, and the costs of comparable services other than in a case under this title.

#### **Certificate of Compliance and Waiver**

16. The undersigned representative of EY LLP certifies that he has reviewed

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the requirements of Local Rules 2016-1 and that the Monthly Fee Statement substantially

complies with such rule. To the extent that the Monthly Fee Statement does not comply in all

respects with the requirements of Local Rule 2016-1, EY LLP believes that such deviations are

not material and respectfully requests that any such requirements be waived.

**Notice and No Prior Request** 

17. Notice of this Monthly Fee Statement has been given to the following

parties or, in lieu of, to their counsel, if known: (a) the U.S. Trustee; (b) the Official Committee

of Unsecured Creditors and (d) all parties required to be given notice in the Interim

Compensation Order. EY LLP submits that no other or further notice is necessary.

18. No prior request for the relief sought in this Monthly Fee Statement has

been made to this or any other Court.

WHEREFORE, EY LLP respectfully requests that the Bankruptcy Court

(i) approve the Monthly Fee Statement and (ii) grant such further relief as is just and proper.

Dated: February 28, 2025

New York, NY

/s/ Thomas M. Shea

Thomas M. Shea Partner/Principal

Ernst & Young LLP